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If I told you without a shadow of a doubt there was a flu epidemic coming that over the next two years will claim the lives of three hundred thousand Americans, the members of this committee and every public health organization charged with the health and welfare of its citizens would be clamoring for the resources to detect when there was a problem, to treat the problem, to prevent the problem. The news would cover this shocking revelation non-stop. The measures *current medicine* feel would work best would be mobilized to meet this epidemic head on.

Well, an epidemic of equal lethal magnitude does exist, and yet the mobilization and outcry does not exist. The epidemic is Lung Cancer.

I will play mind reader now. The thought that flashed through most of your minds just now is that the flu is different...people don't ask for the flu.

People are dying, and the overwhelming response is, "They asked for it." Did you think that? Have you ever thought that? If you are considering not supporting proposed bill 1033, will part of the reason be that the victims brought it upon themselves? Is that what those who are here to protect the health of the public should be doing? Choosing whose life is worth preserving? Or should the committee instead be facing the most lethal health concerns head on?

Lung Cancer is THE MOST LETHAL CANCER.

Current medicine has the technology to screen those at risk. Mammograms and pap smears and colonoscopies are all prescribed for those in risk groups and yet for the most lethal cancer, Lung Cancer, there is no effective screening practice currently in place, although medicine has the technology. So why then is a low dose spiral CT scan not prescribed for those at risk?

Please consider saving lives and supporting proposed bill 1033.